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"Silk" Train Crashes Into Rear
Pullman of "Columbian
Flyer."

BLOCK SYSTEM GOES WRONG

Steel Cars Are Crushed as if
They Were of Card of
Cardboard.

Odesa, Minn., December 18.—Ten are dead and nearly a score are more or less seriously injured as the result of a "silk" train on the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul road, which was running on section No. 2 of the "Columbian Flyer" crashing into the rear sleeper of the flyer at the station here early to-day. The engine of the "silk" special plowed for five feet into the sleeper, but the greatest loss of life was in the front end of that car, which was telescoped by the dining car just ahead.

Although both the diner and sleeper were of steel, the former sheared the upper portion of the latter from the floor as if it had been cardboard. In some manner the diner's floor became elevated slightly above that of the sleeper at the impact, and with the force of section No. 2's engine behind, the sleeper was jammed along for fully twenty-five feet, while the diner, as a gigantic knife, cut away the upper structure and did its work of destruction.

Responsibility for the wreck has not been determined definitely, but is said to rest between the operator at Oronville Junction, who, it is asserted, should not have permitted the "silk" train to enter the block in which there was a train; the operator here, who, it is said, failed to lift the stop signal for the flyer, and the flagman of the flyer, who, it is claimed, failed to protect the rear of his train immediately following its stopping at the block.

Of all the occupants of the sleeper, but two escaped without injury. Immediately after the crash the injured hastened to the work of rescue, and many feats of heroism were performed.

G. F. Schuster, a "backy" of the United States battleship West Virginia, on his way to his home in Toledo, O., on furlough, was conspicuous in the work of rescue. "I was dead

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New Dates, 1-lb. pkg. 9c
New Mixed Nuts, per lb. 12½c
Chocolate Drops, per lb. 12½c
Finest Shredded Coconut, per lb. 15c
Large Juicy Lemons, dozen 18c
Sweet Florida Oranges, per dozen, 20c, 25c, 30c and 35c
Large Malaga Grapes, per lb. 12½c
Chalmers Gelatine, 3 pkgs. 25c
Stag Gelatine, per package 5c
Wine for jelly, per quart 20c
New Mince-meat, per pound 25c
Assorted Jellies, per pound 5c
Large Juicy Cocoanuts 6c
Cape Cod Cranberries, per quart 12c



for lack of sleep," he said, "and didn't know anything of the wreck until awakened by the groans and screams. Then I got out and went to work." "It was a terrible sight," said Alpa Le Blanc, who was but slightly injured. "I was sleeping in the last berth of the car, and the engine came almost through to me, but fortunately did not touch me. That sailor boy Schuster did wonders in getting the injured and the bodies of the dead from the wreckage." Nearly all the injured were taken to Minneapolis, and many of them continued on to their destinations. The bodies of the dead are being held here and will be sent to their destinations as soon as word can be heard from relatives.

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STATE TREASURY HANDLED BIG SUM

Harman Reports Details of Receipts and Disbursements for the Year.

HEARING ON CAR SCHEDULE

Kick From Tidewater Cities.
Officers Must Make Room for Legislature.

During the fiscal year ending September 30, 1911, the treasury of Virginia paid out, on account of the Commonwealth, the sum of \$6,569,251.15. Receipts for the year were \$6,703,500.35, and the balance on hand October 1, 1910, was \$216,052.25, leaving the balance on October 1 of the present year of \$66,091.55, according to the annual report of State Treasurer Asher W. Harman, made public yesterday.

The apparent balance is, of course, a paper one, and the public knows this year, for the first time, through the auditors' report, that it is not real, and that last year's was not real. The State owed more money at the end of the year than it had in the treasury.

On account of the literary fund, there was received during the year, \$553,743.05, and there was disbursed \$571,534.56. In interest on the public debt there was paid out \$34,159.77. Disbursements for the sinking fund, in the purchase of bonds and certificates, were \$195,747.55. The Miller fund received \$21,139.77, and paid out \$21,604.21. Of the retired teachers' fund there was received \$42,539.42, and disbursed \$49,152.35.

The cost of making the 1910 reassessment of real estate was \$75,376.45. Criminal charges of the State for the year amounted to \$327,507.51. The item of "funeral expenses and burials" shows a cost of \$5,418.70.

Retired teachers during the year, 190 assessments, deducted from apportionments, drew \$34,256.97. For teaching the Indians, the State paid out \$496.75. Normal training in the high schools foots up \$10,500, while summer normals cost \$17,397.81.

Dividends on the stock held by the State in the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad yielded \$52,641.

OBJECT TO SCHEDULE

Citizens Kick on Cutting Interurban Service in Half.

Strenuous kicks of the loudest sort will be heard to-day by the State Corporation Commission from residents of Newport News and Hampton, who object to a schedule which the Newport News and Old Point Railway and Electric Company proposes to put into effect. It desires to abandon its fifteen-minute schedule between the cities, and to run its cars every half hour. The people and the municipalities object, and will ask the commission not to approve the schedule.

Proceedings to-day will be in the shape of an informal conference, with the view to settling matters without going into a formal hearing, which is avoided where possible.

Securing Committee Rooms.

Quarters for the committees of the Legislature will be decided upon this week. They will probably be housed in the same rooms as at the last session, which means that some of the state officers must seek temporary places of abode elsewhere.

The courtroom of the State Corporation Commission is used frequently by committees of both houses, especially when public hearings are held on matters which engage the public attention. The Labor Commissioner will probably move for the session, together with the Register of the Land Office, and perhaps others.

Clerks of the House will hereafter foregather in the quarters of Clerk John W. Williams on the main floor, instead of the basement, as in previous years.

Back at His Desk.

Commissioner James B. Doherty, of the Bureau of Labor, was at his office after several days spent at his home in illness.

BURGLARS STILL BAFFLE POLICE

During Past Forty-Eight Hours
in Wilmington Twelve Robberies Committed.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Wilmington, N. C., December 18.—During the past forty-eight hours twelve burglaries were recorded in the carnival of crime in this city, and in several instances the marauders secured sums of money. At two places the burglar was observed and pursued, but escaped. The territory of the operations extended from residences in the very heart of the city to houses on the outskirts, thus showing that a gang is at work.

Two well-known young white men, Walter Troutman and Frank Cumber, were arrested yesterday afternoon for attempted burglary, as was a negro, but more burglaries occurred last night. The police yesterday made thirty-six arrests, mostly for drunkenness in a prohibition city.

FRANZ JOSEF ILL

Court Closes Are Alarmed Over His Condition.

Vienna, December 18.—Court circles are alarmed to-day over the condition of Emperor Franz Josef, who is suffering from a severe cold and throat trouble. He has been unable to leave the palace for a week, and is very feeble. The aged ruler is very pessimistic over his condition, and it is feared a fatal illness may be brought on by worry.

FARM VALUES CAN BE DOUBLED AGAIN

Koerner, in Agricultural Report, Advocates Advertising Virginia Lands.

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Diamond Rings	\$5.00 to \$500.00	Fountain Pens	\$1.00 to \$10.00
Earrings	\$1.00 to \$400.00	Seal Rings	\$1.00 to \$25.00
Lockets	\$1.00 to \$50.00	Scarf Pins	\$1.00 to \$10.00
La Vallieres	\$2.00 to \$75.00	Studs	\$1.00 to \$200.00
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of this and other countries know of the resources and the opportunities in Virginia, the price of her lands will double again within the next ten years, according to Commissioner George W. Kolner, of the Department of Agriculture and Immigration, in his annual report to the Governor, issued yesterday. This will be a very pleasing feat of the last decade, for the average price of a Virginia acre is double what it was just ten years ago, a gain in values of \$259,000,000.

This increase is, of course, due to the number of land buyers locating in this State, resulting in a demand for good property. "The fact is," says Commissioner Kolner, "that this State, considering the many unsurpassed advantages, has to-day the cheapest farm land in the United States. Our soils are the kindest in the world. They have stood the hardest knocks and skinning, and they are the quickest to improve."

Future of State.

Always enthusiastic on this subject, the commissioner breaks forth into this rhapsody: "In climate, diversity of soils, fruits, forests, water supply, mineral deposits and variety of landscape, including mountain, valley, hill and dale and the broad savannas of the Tidewater, the sun never illumined a more beautiful country, the plowman never turned a kinder soil and the stranger never found the hand of a more hospitable people. Virginia is growing each year more rapidly in wealth and population. The skies of Virginia are bright with hope, and her people conservatively and courageously are each year building a broader, a richer and a greater Commonwealth.

The report contains nearly 200 pages, and is profusely illustrated. Several thousand copies will be distributed. There are articles on every phase of agricultural endeavor, including alfalfa, fruits, fertilizers, corn, live stock, tobacco, truck, canning, oats, wheat, tree culture, roads and soil improvement.

Alfalfa Pays Best.

Without reservation Mr. Kolner states officially and emphatically that alfalfa is the most profitable crop that the farmer can grow. He has for several years been at work on the proposition of stirring up interest in its cultivation. Many alfalfa clubs have been formed, each farmer agreeing to prepare the land and plant one acre in alfalfa according to instructions. One of these has 250 members, each with its acre. By this means, it is believed, the sowing and inculcation of the soil will become familiar to the experimenter and will be imparted by him to his neighbor. "I look for the time to come," says the report, "when many fields of this profitable crop will be grown all over Virginia." About

3,000 acres was the total for the past season.

The demand for farmers' institutes is on the increase, the larger number now being held not being sufficient to satisfy the demand. It is believed that these discussions by competent speakers stir up more interest in better farming methods than would otherwise be secured.

Amendments are declared to be needed to the agricultural seed law, which, however, has already proven very helpful. The dealer is required to label his best seeds "standards," and if an analysis shows them to fall below the grade set by the State Board of Agriculture the dealer is reported to the

Commonwealth's attorney for prosecution. All samples sent to the department are analyzed without charge.

Free Cholera Serum.

Free distribution of hog cholera serum is advocated by Commissioner Kolner. It is now sold at 35 cents per dose for the average sized hog, this being about cost. The small appropriation of \$3,000 will not permit of the establishment of a plant, and the serum must be purchased. The report says that Virginia should furnish the serum free to the farmer at least until the hog-raising is well established, and stop the sending of hundreds of thousands of dollars to the West for bacon. No State in the Union, it says,

can make bacon cheaper than Virginia, barring the loss from cholera.

The department is making exhibits of insect diseases at fairs. Mr. Kolner indorses the work of the State Horticultural Society, and believes the fruit industry is making rapid advancement.

The law governing the sale of commercial fertilizers should, he says, be amended, so that the penalties may be payable to the department where the user cannot be found. This is often the case because many samples are drawn from station platforms and from warehouses.

President J. M. Barker, of the State Board of Agriculture, commends the commissioner and the employees of the department.

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